

FACT SHEET

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO AIR TOXICS RULE FOR MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIC CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING

ACTION

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) amended the Air Toxics rule for the Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry.
- The EPA issued direct final rule amendments to clarify initial compliance requirements and provide industry with an additional compliance option.
- The direct final rule amendments
 - clarify the compliance requirements for flares and the alternative standard to limit outlet concentrations to 20 parts per million,
 - amend the procedures for correcting outlet concentrations when supplemental gases are used with combustion devices, and
 - extend the vapor balancing alternative to cover liquid transfers from barges to storage tanks.
- The direct final rule amendments also correct several referencing and drafting errors.
- We issued the direct final amendments without prior proposal because we view the revisions as non-controversial and anticipate no adverse comments.
- The direct final rule amendments do not alter the stringency of the standards and have no adverse health or environmental impacts.
- Owners or operators of organic chemical manufacturing process units that are located at a major source of hazardous air pollutants are affected by the amendments to the rule.
- There are no additional costs associated with the direct final rule amendments.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- For further information about the direct final rule amendments, contact Randy McDonald of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5402.
- The direct final rule amendments can be accessed at the following Internet address:
<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/caaa/t3pfpr.html>.